

Title 51
PUBLIC HEALTH-SANITARY CODE
Part III. The Control of Rabies
Chapter 1. Anti-Rabies Vaccination
Requirements for Dogs and Cats

§101. Definitions

[formerly paragraph 3:001]

A. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, the following words and terms used in this Part of the Sanitary Code and all other Parts which are adopted or may be adopted are defined for the purposes thereof as follows:

Local Health Authority—any parish or municipal health officer, department or other agency charged with the responsibility of preserving the public health.

Owner—any person who keeps in his care or who harbors or has custody of a dog or other animal.

Vaccination—the injection, by a licensed veterinarian, of an animal using anti-rabies vaccine approved by the state health officer.

AUTHORITY NOTE: The first source of authority for promulgation of the Sanitary Code is in R.S. 36:258(B), with more particular provisions throughout Chapters 1 and 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. This Part is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:5(2), (3) and (10) together with the specific provisions of R.S. 40:4A(2)(a) and R.S. 40:1277.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 28:1223 (June 2002).

§103. Mandatory Vaccinations of Dogs and Cats

[formerly paragraph 3:002]

A. No person shall own, keep or have in his custody a dog or cat over three months of age that has not been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Every owner of a dog or cat shall cause said animal to be vaccinated at three months of age and said animal shall be re-vaccinated each year thereafter; or prove that the dog or cat was vaccinated at one year of age or older with a vaccine which, according to the 1984 Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines, prepared by The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc., confers a three year duration of rabies immunity. In the latter case the owner shall then be required to re -vaccinate the dog or cat at least every three years thereafter.

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§105. Human Exposure to Domestic Animal Bites

[formerly paragraph 3:003]

A. When any dog or cat bites a human being, said animal shall be confined (as described in §113) for a minimum of 10 days following the bite, or said animal shall be killed and

the head submitted immediately to a laboratory of the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources for examination for rabies. Any dog or cat that develops any symptoms during the 10-day observation period shall be reported immediately to the local health authority and provided such symptoms are compatible with rabies as determined by a licensed veterinarian or the local health authority representative, the animal shall be killed and the head submitted to a laboratory of the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources for examination.

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§107. Unvaccinated Domestic Animals

Bitten by Rabid Animals

[formerly paragraph 3:004]

A. When bitten by a rabid animal, unvaccinated dogs and cats shall be destroyed immediately unless the owner is unwilling to have this done, in which case, the unvaccinated animal shall be confined (as described in §113) for six months and the animal shall be vaccinated one month before being released. Dogs and cats that are currently vaccinated shall be re -vaccinated immediately and confined (as described in §113) for 90 days.

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§109. Animals Suspected of Being

Infected with Rabies

[formerly Paragraph 3:006]

A. Any animal other than a dog or cat that bites a human being, or any animal that is suspected of being infected with rabies (whether or not it has bitten anyone), may be caused by the state health officer, for the protection of the public health, to be killed and the head of such animal examined for rabies free of charge by a laboratory of the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources.

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Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 28:1223 (June 2002).

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§111. Confinement of Animals

[formerly paragraph 3:007]

A. Where confinement is required under the provisions of this Code, the owner, veterinarian, animal shelter or other custodian of the animal shall confine said animal in a cage, on a leash, or in another manner such that the animal cannot contact any person or other animal.

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